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SUBJECT: FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS ON
THE EC SUMMIT

1. IN A MEETING DEC 17 WITH THE DCM, FONOFF POLITICAL
DIRECTOR GENERAL RUTTEN SAID THE DUTCH WERE "NOT TOO
DISSATISFIED" WITH THE MEETING OF EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS
AND FOREIGN MINISTERS LAST WEEK. THE PRIMARY ACCOMPLISH-
MENT IN HIS VIEW, WAS THE AGREEMENT ON FINDING A SOLUTION
TO THE PROBLEM OF KEEPING BRITAIN IN THE COMMUNITY. IN THIS
REGARD, THE PARIS MEETING HAD THROWN A BRIDGE ACROSS A TURBULENT
STREAM. THE DISPOSITION OF THE REGIONAL FUND AND
INSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS WAS LIKEWISE NOT TOO BAD.

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2. REFLECTING THE PREVALENT FONOFF VIEW, WHICH IS NOT

NECESSARITY SHARED BY PRIMIN DEN UYL AND HIS ENTOURAGE, RUTTEN EXPRESSED RESIDUAL RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY AND EFFICACY OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETINGS, PARTICULARLY WHEN SENIOR ADVISORS WERE SYSTEMATICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THEM. (EVEN NOTES DID NOT TRAVEL WELL FROM THE INNER SANCTUM TO RUTTEN AND HIS COLLEAGUES OUTSIDE). HIS ATTITUDE VIRTUALLY BOILED DOWN TO "PROBLEMS OF STATE ARE TOO SERIOUS TO BE PUT IN THE HANDS OF PRIME MINISTERS". HE GRUDGINGLY ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT PRIME MINISTERS DID HAVE A CERTAIN COMPETENCE IN MANY OF THE ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS FACING THE EC IN ITS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS SINCE SUCH PROBLEMS CURRENTLY IMPINGED ON THE DOMESTIC POLICIES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES.

3. RUTTEN SAID THAT THE DECISION TO HAVE A MINIMUM OF THREE PRIME MINISTERIAL GET-TOGETHERS A YEAR WAS A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE FRENCH DESIRE TO HAVE FOUR A YEAR AND THOSE (PRESUMABLY INCLUDING THE DUTCH) WHO WISH TO KEEP THEM TO TWO A YEAR. RUTTEN SURMISED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES SUCCESSIVELY OCCUPYING THE PRESIDENCY DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR WOULD EACH HOST A HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING WITH THE THIRD TAKING PLACE IN BRUSSELS AT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE AND OPPORTUNE TIME. RUTTEN NOTED THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF EC FONMINS FOR POLITICAL CONSULTATION WAS SCHEDULED FOR FEB 13 IN DUBLIN; HE DOUBTED WHETHER PRIME MINISTERS WOULD WANT TO MEET AGAIN THAT SOON. HE WAS SOMEWHAT APPREHENSIVE ABOUT PHYSICAL SECURITY ON IRISH TURF, PARTICULARLY THE RISK OF A SPECTACULAR INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP KIDNAPPING. GOULD

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